

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating distribution of a transaction account card through a distributor, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

issuing, by a computer-based system for facilitating said distribution of said transaction account card through said distributor, transaction account cards in groups to said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR communication protocol;

receiving, by said computer-based system, information from the distributor via said MICR communication protocol, wherein said MICR communication protocol includes rules governing syntax, semantics, and synchronization of communication, and wherein said information includes said transaction account codes and said serialized tracking codes which indicate said transaction account cards that have been distributed by said distributor;

processing, by said computer-based system, said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure; and

transmitting, by said computer-based system, said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure; and

approving, by said computer-based system, of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction account card.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of activating said distributed transaction account card.

Claim 3 - 5 (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a purchase agreement is associated with said transaction account card and bears indicia of said serialized tracking code.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said indicia of said serialized tracking code is embodied in a MICR line visible on said purchase agreement form.

Claims 8 - 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising paying a third party seller a commission for said sale of said transaction account card based on at least a portion of the information received from said third party seller.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising confirming that activation is appropriate by confirming at least one of the following information received from a third party distributor: a purchase location, said serialized tracking code and said transaction account code.

12. (Currently Amended) A transaction account distribution device for facilitating the distribution of transaction account cards by a distributor, said transaction account distribution device configured to:

facilitate issuing transaction account cards in groups to said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR communication protocol;

receive information from the distributor via said MICR communication protocol, wherein said MICR communication protocol includes rules governing syntax, semantics, and synchronization of communication, and wherein said information includes said transaction account codes and said serialized tracking codes which indicate said transaction account cards that have been distributed by said distributor;

process said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure;
transmit said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure; and

receiving approval of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction account card.

Claims 13- 16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating distribution of a transaction account through a third party distributor comprising:

a network interface communicating with a memory;

said memory communicating with a processor; and

said processor, when executing a computer program, is configured to perform a method comprising:

facilitating issuing transaction account cards in groups to said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR communication protocol;

receiving information from the distributor via said MICR communication protocol, wherein said MICR communication protocol includes rules governing syntax, semantics, and synchronization of communication, and wherein said information includes said transaction account codes and said serialized tracking codes which indicate said transaction account cards that have been distributed by said distributor;

processing said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure;

transmitting said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure; and

transmitting approval of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction account card.

Claims 18 - 21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory, tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of computer-executable instructions that, if executed by a computing device, cause said computing device to perform operations comprising:

facilitating issuing transaction account cards in groups to said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated

with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR communication protocol;

receiving information from the distributor via said MICR communication protocol,
wherein said MICR communication protocol includes rules governing syntax, semantics, and
synchronization of communication, and wherein said information includes said transaction
account codes and said serialized tracking codes which indicate said transaction account cards
that have been distributed by said distributor;

processing said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure;
transmitting said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account
infrastructure; and

approving of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction
account card.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said MICR communication protocol further
includes at least one of message formats, a description of message formats, rules for exchanging
messages, signaling, authentication, error detection, and correction capabilities.